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KEY MANAGEMENT POSITION FILLED AT U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

The appointment of Harvey K. Nelson, 51, as Associate Director for Fish and Wildlife Management was announced today by Lynn A. Greenwalt, Director of Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Nelson will be responsible for direction of a major share of Service programs including Migratory Birds, Animal Damage Control, Mammals and Non-Migratory Birds, Interpretation and Recreation, Law Enforcement, Wildlife Refuges, Realty, Engineering, Inland Fisheries, Coastal Anadromous Fish, and the Great Lakes Fisheries Program.

In announcing the appointment, Greenwalt noted that Nelson's "broad background and training in fish and wildlife resource management make him especially suited for his diverse new responsibilities."

Nelson has served as the Deputy Associate Director for Wildlife since 1974 under M. A. "Toar" Marston who retired last year. He has considerable training and experience in field research and administration of wildlife management and research programs at both the State and national levels, with primary emphasis on migratory birds. As a research administrator he developed new research programs related to migratory bird problems and coordinated these and other wildlife research and management activities in the continental United States, Alaska, and Canada.

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He joined the Service in 1950 and worked on field projects in South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, and Michigan until 1957 when he was transferred to the regional office in Minneapolis. There he served as Assistant Regional Supervisor in the Division of Wildlife Refuges until 1963 when he was appointed Director of the Northern Prairie Research Center then being established at Jamestown, North Dakota, a position he held until 1974. During 1969-74 he held appointments as Adjunct Professor of Zoology at North Dakota State University and the University of North Dakota. He is also the author or coauthor of more than 30 technical publications.

Nelson was born at Barrett, Minnesota, in 1925 and graduated from Evansville High School in 1941. He served with the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II from 1943 to 1946. Upon completion of military duty he entered college and received a B.S. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1950, having majored in zoology and fish and wildlife management. He received an M.S. degree in resources development from Michigan State University in 1957, and has since continued graduate work at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

He is married, has four children, and lives in Vienna, Virginia.

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